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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/914,543

Applicant(s)

LAM ET AL.

Examiner

GANAPATHIRAMA RAGHU

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/05/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-9,14-16,19,20,23-27,29,31,37-39,44,49-55,61-74 and 76-80.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: ____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 10/15/02; 10/14/03; 02/08/05.

Detailed Action

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 14-16, 19, 20, 23-27, 29, 31, 37-39, 44, 49-55 and 61-74 and 76-80 are pending in this application for examination.

Applicants' amendments and arguments filed on 02/05/2008 have been fully considered and are deemed to be persuasive to overcome the rejections previously applied. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office action are hereby withdrawn.

Priority

Applicant's claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c) is acknowledged. This application is a national phase application claiming benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 to Patent Convention Treaty (PCT) International Application Serial No: PCT/US97/08793, filed May 22, 1997, which is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ("USSN") 08/651,572, filed May 22, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,789,228, issued August 4, 1998. The aforementioned applications are explicitly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and for all purposes. The instant claims are granted the priority date of May 22, 1997.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 10/15/02, 10/14/03 and 02/08/05 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner has considered the IDS statements.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview and a Fax with amendments by Gregory Einhorn (Reg. No. 38,440) on 03/06/2008 and 03/07/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification

Replace the first line of specification as presented in the amendment of 02/26/06 with "This application is a national phase application claiming benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 to Patent Convention Treaty (PCT) International Application Serial No: PCT/US97/08793, filed May 22, 1997, which is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ("USSN") 08/651,572, filed May 22, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,789,228, issued August 4, 1998."

In the Claims

Claim 14: Line 1, delete "(a)", Line 3 delete "or (b) the method of (a),"

Claim 15: Line 2, delete "a"

Claim 26: Line 2, delete "a"

Claim 44: Delete claim 44 and replace with,

"A method for enzymatically converting plant biomass into a precursor for producing fuels or chemicals comprising:

(a) providing a plant biomass comprising cellulose;

(b) providing a cellulase comprising the polypeptide of claim 27; and

(c) contacting the plant biomass with an effective amount of the polypeptide of (b),

thereby enzymatically hydrolyzing the cellulose into a precursor for producing a fuel or a chemical.

Claim 53: Line 1, delete "(a)", Line 2 delete "or (b) the method of (a),"

Claim 55: Line 2, delete "a"

Claim 63: Line 3, delete “a”

Claim 70: Line 1, delete “(a)”, Line 2 delete “or (b) the method of (a),”

Claim 77: Line 2, delete “in”

Claim 78: Line 3, delete “in”

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 14-16, 19, 20, 23-27, 29, 31, 37-39, 44, 49-55 and 61-74 and 76-80 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Following a diligent search it was determined that the prior art neither teaches nor suggests an isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 45 encoding a polypeptide with SDEQ ID NO: 46 having endoglucanase or cellulase activity. The closest prior art to SEQ ID NO: 46 of the instant application is a publication by Dakhova et al., (Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 1993, Vol. 194: 1359-1364), said reference discloses a polypeptide sequence having only 27.7% homology to SEQ ID NO: 46 and annotated as a cellulase/endoglucanase. The utility of polypeptide having endoglucanase or cellulase activity and the encoding polynucleotide is credible based on expression in heterologous cells and analysis of activity of said polypeptide. Said endoglucanase or cellulase of the instant application has real-world utility and permits degradation of cellulose for the conversion of plant biomass into fuels and for use in other industrial applications.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for

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Allowance”.

Final Comments

To insure that each document is properly filed in the electronic file wrapper, it is requested that each of amendments to the specification, amendments to the claims, Applicants' remarks, requests for extension of time, and any other distinct papers be submitted on separate pages.

It is also requested that Applicants identify support, within the original application, for any amendments to the claims and specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ganapathirama Raghu whose telephone number is 571-272-4533. The examiner can normally be reached between 8 am-4: 30 pm EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nashaat Nashed can be reached on 571-272-0934. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for regular communications and for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of the application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Ganapathirama Raghu, Ph.D.

Patent Examiner

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Feb. 29, 2008.

/Rebecca E. Prouty/

Primary Examiner,

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